



## [The Nippon Foundation News] Tokyo Sees “First Snowfall” of the Season

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. Tokyo saw its “first snowfall” of the season on November 9-10 at Yoyogi Park. “Tokyo Snow Festival x HEROs FESTA 2019” was held jointly by The Nippon Foundation’s HEROs project and the NGO Snowbank, with five blocks of ice weighing 155 kilograms each brought to Yoyogi Park from Fukushima Prefecture to make snow to build a short snowboard course and for other activities. Please see the article below for more information about the event.



*Snowboarding demonstration on a slope built with snow from Fukushima Prefecture (left); Children playing in Tokyo’s “first snowfall” of the season (right)*

In other news, our relief and recovery work continue in the areas damaged by Typhoon Hagibis, which struck Japan on October 12-13 and caused widespread damage. The Nippon Foundation continues to coordinate with local governments so that our support is used to cover gaps in public assistance, with particular attention being given to schools and preschools. Student volunteers are playing a key role in these efforts and are providing encouragement and inspiration, in addition to physical assistance, to these communities.

Donations for Typhoon Hagibis recovery activities can be made via the following website:

[Call for Donations for Emergency Relief in Areas Damaged by Typhoon Hagibis](#)

And finally, with this being the last scheduled edition of The Nippon Foundation News for 2019, we would like to extend our best wishes to all of our readers for a happy holiday season.

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## For the Safety and Order of the Ocean

Coast guards from around the world gather



The 2nd Coast Guard Global Summit, bringing together top officials involved in ocean safety from around the world, was held in Tokyo on November 20-21. Roughly 200 people representing 84 institutions from 75 countries attended the event, which was jointly organized by The Nippon Foundation and the Japan Coast Guard, to discuss the future direction of ocean policies. The summit reaffirmed the importance of involving coast guards at the global level to resolve issues that cannot be solved by any single country or region on its own, and formulated a set of operating guidelines and established a committee to consider a sustainable and functional framework for its work going forward.

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## HEROs FESTA 2019

**On your marks!**



The Nippon Foundation's HEROs project, which promotes activities by athletes that contribute to society, held an event in cooperation with the NGO Snowbank on November 9-10 at Yoyogi Park in Tokyo. "Tokyo Snow Festival x HEROs FESTA 2019" featured a number of top-level athletes who serve as "HEROs ambassadors," who gave talks and demonstrations and interacted with children, using sports as a way to instill a desire to pursue challenges. Under sunny autumn skies, many young people and families with young children visited the event, which was held with a theme of "On your marks."

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## The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Symposium From Vision to Action



The Nippon Foundation and the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) Guiding Committee jointly launched The Nippon Foundation – Gebco Seabed 2030 Project in 2017 with the goal of mapping 100% of the ocean floor by 2030. An event to report on the project’s progress to date and plans going forward, under the title “From Vision to Action,” was held at the Royal Society in London on October 22, with roughly 100 researchers and members of the media attending.

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